

**Meeting over Mullaperiyar Dam between
Kerala and Tamil Nadu**

1474. SHRIMATI S.G. INDIRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether it is a fact that Government have convened a meeting of the Chief Ministers of Kerala and Tamil Nadu to resolve the issue of Mullaperiyar Dam in Kerala;
- (b) if so, the details thereof; and
- (c) what was the agreements reached between these two States and the deliberations made in the Meeting?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI JAI PRAKASH NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) The Hon'ble Union Minister (WR) convened an inter-State meeting of the Chief Minister of States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala on Mullaperiyar dam issue on 29.11.2006 at New Delhi. The meeting was attended by the Chief Ministers, Ministers (WR/PW) of the two States as well as Senior Officers of the Ministry of Water Resources, Central Water Commission and States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

(c) The States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala reiterated their respective stand in meeting. They have also agreed to discuss the issue further in a meeting under the auspices of Hon'ble Union Minister (WR) with the Ministers (WR/PW) from the States of Tamil Nadu and Kerala.

Consensus on ground water ownership and pricing

1475. SHRI P.R. RAJAN: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

- (a) whether Government have any proposal for consensus on ground water ownership and pricing;
- (b) if so, the details thereof;
- (c) whether there is any proposal to impose cess on ground water resources and to review the laws governing ownership of ground water on private lands;